

Using Pittman-Robertson Funds to Construct Archery Ranges in Missouri

1 WHEREAS, The State of Missouri has a rich and deep heritage in the development and
2 leadership in the sports of Archery and Bowhunting;

3 AND WHEREAS, in 2011 Bowhunting in Missouri will be enjoying its 65th Anniversary
4 due to the supreme early efforts of archery pioneers, Paul Jeffries & Earl Hoyt;

5 AND WHEREAS, the spotlight on Missouri's archery and bowhunting continues to
6 grow and glow with the impending opening of the Archery Hall of Fame and the Fred Bear
7 museum in Springfield; the world renowned Dr. Charles Grayson Archery Collection
8 having its Missouri home in Columbia for over 12 years; the rare consistency of over
9 100,000 archery hunters annually and the record archery deer kill in 2009 eclipsing
10 50,000; the pride of the CFM and the MDC, the Missouri National Archery in Schools
11 program in which this very weekend nearly 1000 students are competing in their State
12 Championship, making it the largest archery competition ever held in MO;

13 AND WHEREAS, efforts should be made to accommodate the current need and future
14 needs of the thousands of new archers being introduced to the sport on an annual basis, as
15 well as provide for existing archers to be able to learn, practice, shoot, and compete in a
16 state of the art range that rivals those other shooting sport ranges found in the population
17 centers of the state;

18 AND WHEREAS, since 1975 archers/bowhunters have been paying a federal excise
19 tax of 11% on equipment under the Pittman Robertson Bill to make funds available for
20 the construction, implementation, and maintenance of archery ranges;

21 AND WHEREAS, the law provides for states to use P-R funds to build not only firearm

22 ranges but also archery ranges and it is documented that total incoming P-R funds to Missouri for
all purposes from FY-2009-2010-2011 are well over \$10,300,000 per year;

23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri,
24 assembled at its Annual Convention at the Lake of the Ozarks on February 27, 2011,
25 hereby strongly encourages and supports the efforts of the Missouri Department of
26 Conservation to work with the CFM and its archery/bowhunting affiliates in developing
27 and implementing a phase one action plan to construct “world class” facilities as soon as
28 feasible, starting with the four major population areas of the state of Missouri, namely
29 Saint Louis, Columbia/Jefferson City Kansas City, and Springfield.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Director
31 Ziehmer and our four Commissioners.

32 RESOLUTION SUMMARY, The overwhelming success of MoNASP along with its
33 predicted exponential growth, coupled with a constant predictable growth in archery tag
34 sales, creates an immediate need for “state of the art” archery facilities to be available to
35 accommodate existing archers AND TO RETAIN these youngsters in the sport. Nearly
36 50% of these students indicate they desire to take up outdoor sports and each is a precious
37 resource that can contribute to the future of hunting and fishing in Missouri. By using
38 Pittman-Robertson excise tax funds that archers/bowhunters have been paying 11% on
39 equipment for decades, the Missouri Department of Conservation can make Missouri a
40 leader in archery as they have in other shooting sports, with all encompassing ranges in
41 the four population centers of the state.